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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN, NORTHERN DIVISION

04-10130

JEFF DUNBAR,

Plaintiff,

Case No. _____

vs.

Hon. David Lawson

KIDDE TECHNOLOGIES, INC, f/k/a
FENWAL SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.
a Delaware Corporation, and GRECON INC.,
an Oregon Corporation, and FIREFLY SYSTEMS,
INC., an Illinois Corporation, and CLARKE
SHEET METAL, INC., an Oregon Corporation

Defendants.

NELSON, PETRUSKA, ATKINSON
& HART
By: MICHAEL D. NELSON P29037
And LINDA MILLER ATKINSON P23345
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U.S. DISTRICT COURT
EAST DIST. MICH.
BAY CITY

COMPLAINT & JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, JEFF DUNBAR, by counsel, NELSON, PETRUSKA, ATKINSON &
HART for his Complaint states as follows:

I. JURISDICTION

1. This is a civil action seeking compensatory damages for personal injuries arising out of the negligently designed, installed, inspected and repaired spark detection, fire and explosion devices that comprised the Fire and Explosion Detection

and Suppression system in the blender-feeder M&D building at the Georgia-Pacific Particleboard Plant in Garylord, MI.

2. Jurisdiction is conferred upon this Honorable Court because of diversity of citizenship and an amount in controversy greater than \$75,000.00, exclusive of interest, costs, and attorneys' fees.

II. PARTIES

3. At all material times Plaintiff, JEFF DUNBAR, was a resident of the State of Michigan and a citizen of the United States residing in the city of Gaylord, Otsego County, Michigan.

4. Defendant FENWAL SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC., (hereafter referred to as "Defendant FENWAL") is and was, at all times material, incorporated in the State of Delaware with its principal place of business in Massachusetts, and doing business in Otsego County and the State of Michigan, consisting of design, sale, installation, inspection, and repair of explosion detection and suppression devices for fire and explosion suppression systems for the wood processing industry including the Fire and Explosion Detection and Suppression System at the Georgia-Pacific particleboard plant in Gaylord, MI. Defendant Fenwal held itself out to the wood processing industry as an expert in explosion detection and suppression systems.

5. Defendant GRECON, INC., [hereinafter "GRECON"] is and was, at all material times, incorporated in the State of Oregon, and doing business in Otsego County and the State of Michigan, designing, selling and repairing spark detection and fire suppression devices for fire and explosion suppression systems for the wood processing industry including the Fire and Explosion Detection and Suppression System

at the Georgia-Pacific particleboard plant in Gaylord, MI. Defendant GRECON held itself out as expert in fire detection and suppression devices for the wood processing industry.

6. Defendant CLARKE'S SHEET METAL, INC. [hereinafter "CLARKE'S"] is and was at all material times an Oregon Corporation doing business in Otsego County, State of Michigan, engaged in the business of selling and repairing deflagration control and suppression devices for fire and explosion suppression systems for the wood processing industry including the Fire and Explosion Detection and Suppression System at the Georgia-Pacific particleboard plant in Gaylord, MI.

7. Defendant FIREFLY SYSTEMS, INC. [hereinafter "FIREFLY"] is and was at all material times an Illinois Corporation doing business in Otsego County, State of Michigan, engaged in design, manufacture, installation, inspection, repair and maintenance of fire detection devices for fire and explosion suppression systems for the wood processing industry including the Fire and Explosion Detection and Suppression System at the Georgia-Pacific particleboard plant in Gaylord, MI.

III. CAUSE OF ACTION: NEGLIGENCE

8. On or about May 25, 2001, PLAINTIFF JEFF DUNBAR, was employed by Georgia Pacific as a production foreman in the particleboard plant in Gaylord, MI. During the morning of May 25, 2001, smoke issued from a blender-feed hopper located on the third tier of the plant. In the absence of adequate fire detection, venting and explosion suppression systems maintained by Defendants in the area of the hoppers, a small fire spread in the hopper, resisted workers' attempts to extinguish it with a limited

manual suppression system and resulted in an explosion causing life-threatening burn injuries to JEFF DUNBAR.

9. The area where the blender-feed hoppers, conveyor line and the glue deck were located was equipped with spark detection devices designed, manufactured, sold and periodically inspected by Defendant GRECON and with fire and pressure detection devices designed, installed and maintained by Defendant FIREFLY.

10. The area where the blender-feed hoppers, conveyor line and glue deck were located was equipped with deflagration control devices including deflagration vents designed, installed, inspected and maintained by Defendant CLARKE'S.

11. Although the blender-feed hoppers contained combustible wood dust and the conveyor transported combustible wood dust, this area was not properly or adequately monitored and protected by the explosion and suppression devices Defendant FENWAL had designed, manufactured, sold and periodically inspected within the Georgia-Pacific plant.

12. Defendant FENWAL owed Plaintiff a duty of due care and compliance with statutes, applicable standards and codes including NFPA 664.xx xx.

13. Defendant FENWAL breached its duty of reasonable care and was negligent in the design, manufacture, and sale of its explosion detection and suppression devices at the Georgia-Pacific plant as follows:

- a. it failed to provide adequate detection and suppression of the developing explosion on the conveyor line feeding hoppers on the third tier;
- b. it failed to provide adequate detection and suppression of the explosion developing inside hoppers on the third tier;

- c. failed to incorporate, as part of safe design, adequate warnings or instructions regarding proper installation, use and maintenance of the detection and suppression system; and
- d. it failed to provide mandated explosion detection and suppression surveillance coordinated with Defendant Grecon's fire detection and suppression devices as part of the safety system which it knew operated in an area of combustible dust.
- e. reasonable safe alternative design, construction and installation of adequate explosion detection and suppression devices to cover the subject area were known and available to Defendant and in existence before and at the time the dangerous conditions existed at the Gaylord plant, but were not implemented by Defendant FENWAL.

14. Defendant GRECON owed Plaintiff a duty of reasonable care and compliance with applicable statutes, codes and standards including NFPA 664, xx, xx

15. Defendant GRECON breached its duties and was negligent in the design, manufacture, sale and installation of its spark detection and suppression devices as follows:

- a. its devices failed to detect the spark which caused the fire occurring on the conveyor line feeding hoppers on the third tier and to activate sufficient suppression devices to control spread;
- b. it failed to install sufficient detection devices and suppression devices to provide adequate coverage for the conveyor line feeding hoppers on the third tier though it knew the area used involved combustible wood dust;
- c. it failed to maintain the spark detection and suppression devices along the conveyor line in dependable working order and to shield or remove these UV sensitive devices from sources of UV light including sunlight from nearby windows that caused the system to fault and to be unreliable;
- d. it failed to incorporate, as part of safe design, adequate warnings or instructions regarding proper installation, use and maintenance of its detection and suppression devices within the overall Fire and Explosion Suppression System as a whole; and
- f. failed to incorporate, as part of safe design, adequate warnings or instructions regarding the limitations of its devices to detect and suppress

sparks without having further suppression devices and deflagration venting as part of the system.

- g. reasonable safe alternative design, construction and installation of adequate spark detection and fire suppression devices to cover the subject area were known and available to Defendant and in existence before and at the time the dangerous conditions existed at the Gaylord plant, but were not implemented by Defendant GRECON.

16. Defendant FIREFLY designed, manufactured, and installed certain external fire detection devices as part of Defendants' Fire Detection and Suppression System for the blender-feeder and glue deck portion of the Georgia-Pacific plant where the fire and explosion occurred on May 25, 2001.

17. Defendant FIREFLY owed Plaintiff the duty of reasonable care including compliance with applicable statutes, standards and codes, including NFPA 664.

18. Defendant FIREFLY breached its duties and was negligent as follows:

- a. it failed to provide sufficient pressure and fire detection devices on the hoppers on the third tier and the conveyor line;
- b. it failed to provide adequate detection devices to cover the area of the glue deck such that the devices could detect fire developing and activate suppression devices before it spread out of control;
- c. failed to incorporate, as part of safe design, adequate warnings or instructions regarding proper installation, use and maintenance of its detection devices; and
- d. it failed to provide sufficient detection surveillance coordinated with Defendants' devices as part of the safety system which it knew operated in an area of combustible dust; and
- e. reasonable safe alternative design and installation of adequate detection and activation devices to cover the subject area were known and available to Defendant and in existence before and at the time the dangerous conditions existed at the Gaylord plant, but were not implemented by Defendant FIREFLY.

19. Defendant CLARKE'S designed, manufactured, and installed deflagration venting or other deflagration suppression as part of the Explosion and Fire Suppression System for the blender-feeder hoppers and conveyor and glue deck portion of the Georgia Pacific plant where the explosion occurred.

20. Defendant CLARKE'S owed Plaintiff the duty of reasonable care and compliance with applicable statutes, standards and codes, including NFPA 664.

21. Defendant CLARKE'S breached its duties and was negligent as follows:

- a. it failed to provide adequate deflagration venting and control of the developing explosion;
- b. it failed to provide appropriate vent closure devices to activate deflagration venting when pressure internally reached explosive proportions so that the contents would be safely vented to the outside and prevent explosion into the plant;
- c. failed to incorporate, as part of safe design, adequate warnings or instructions regarding proper installation and maintenance of the deflagration venting and suppression system; and
- d. it failed to provide mandated deflagration detection and explosion venting coordinated with Defendants' fire detection and suppression devices as part of the safety system which it knew operated in an area of combustible dust.
- e. reasonable safe alternative design, construction and installation of adequate deflagration venting and explosion prevention devices to cover the subject area were known and available to Defendant and in existence before and at the time the dangerous conditions existed at the Gaylord plant, but were not implemented by Defendant CLARKE'S.

22. The negligent acts and omissions of Defendants FENWAL and GRECON and FIREFLY and CLARKE'S in design, manufacture, installation, inspection and maintenance of their respective devices as inadequate parts of the Fire and Explosion Protection System at the Georgia Pacific plant in Gaylord, MI, were individually and together direct and proximate causes of Plaintiff's severe injuries and damages.

23. As a direct result of the acts and omissions of Defendants and of the defects in the spark, fire and explosion detection and suppression devices, the spark spread into fire in the hopper and exploded violently out of the hopper into the plant further igniting wood dust throughout the area and extensively burning PLAINTIFF JEFF DUNBAR'S hands and arms, torso, face and neck resulting in permanent disability and impairment. PLAINTIFF JEFF DUNBAR incurred reasonable and necessary medical, surgical and hospital expenses, loss of earnings and earning capacity, mental and physical pain and suffering, loss of enjoyment of life, embarrassment, humiliation and disfigurement, all past, present and future.

IV. CAUSE OF ACTION: NEGLIGENT REPAIR

24. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates the allegations contained in Paragraphs 1 through 11 above, by reference, as if set forth fully here.

25. Defendant GRECON undertook an ongoing duty of inspection and repair of its devices at the G-P plant, and owed Plaintiff a duty of reasonable care in the repair of its spark detection and fire suppression devices at the Gaylord G-P plant including compliance with applicable codes and standards.

26. Defendant GRECON breached these duties and was negligent in failing to repair the system in place in the M-D area of the Gaylord plant to increase detectors, deluge devices and deluge activating devices at the hoppers and along the conveyor where the existing system provided no coverage for detection and suppression though Defendant knew the hoppers and surrounding area contained combustible wood dusts in volatile atmospheres, and that their devices had failed to respond adequately to

previous sparks in that area and were impaired and rendered unreliable by reaction to sunlight causing malfunctions.

27. Defendant FENWAL undertook an ongoing duty of inspection and repair of its devices at the G-P plant, and owed Plaintiff a duty of reasonable care in the repair of its explosion detection and suppression devices as part of the Fire and Explosion Protection System at the Gaylord G-P plant including compliance with applicable codes and standards.

28. Defendant FENWAL breached these duties and was negligent in failing to repair its part of the system to place adequate explosion detection and suppression devices in the M-D area of the Gaylord plant at the hoppers and along the conveyor where the existing system provided some spark detection but no coverage for explosion detection or suppression though Defendant knew the hoppers and surrounding area contained combustible wood dusts in volatile atmospheres, and that the existing FENWAL devices could not respond adequately to sparking in that area.

29. Defendant FIREFLY undertook an ongoing duty of inspection and repair of its devices at the G-P plant, and owed Plaintiff a duty of reasonable care in the repair of its fire and pressure detection devices in the Fire and Explosion Detection and Suppression Systems at the Gaylord G-P plant including compliance with applicable codes and standards.

30. Defendant FIREFLY breached these duties and was negligent in failing to repair its devices and place additional necessary devices in place in the M-D area of the Gaylord plant to provide adequate detection and monitoring at the hoppers and along the conveyor where the existing system provided no coverage for fire detection though

Defendant knew the hoppers and surrounding area contained combustible wood dusts in volatile atmospheres, and that the existing devices were inadequate to monitor the entire area at risk.

31. Defendant CLARKE'S undertook an ongoing duty of inspection and repair of its devices and the vents at the G-P plant, and owed Plaintiff a duty of reasonable care in the repair of its deflagration devices and vents as part of the Fire and Explosion Detection and Suppression system at the Gaylord G-P plant including compliance with applicable codes and standards.

32. Defendant CLARKE'S breached these duties and was negligent in failing to repair its deflagration vents in place in the M-D area of the Gaylord plant to vent to the outside of the plant burning contents and potential explosive contents at the hoppers to prevent the force of the explosion from being directed into the plant where it could not be controlled though Defendant knew the hoppers and surrounding area contained combustible wood dusts in volatile atmospheres, and that the deflagration vents were improperly sealed and would not adequately prevent dangerous fire and explosion into the plant causing injury.

33. As a direct result of Defendants' negligent failures to repair their devices as part of the Fire and Explosion Detection and Suppression System, the spark in the hopper spread to a fire and, unsuppressed, built up and exploded unvented into the plant causing further fire and explosion and burning PLAINTIFF JEFF DUNBAR'S hands and arms, torso, face and neck resulting in permanent disability and impairment. PLAINTIFF JEFF DUNBAR incurred reasonable and necessary medical, surgical and hospital expenses, loss of earnings and earning capacity, mental and physical pain and

suffering, mental anguish, loss of enjoyment of life, embarrassment and humiliation and disability and disfigurement, all past, present and future.

V. PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays that this Honorable Court grant the following relief:

- A. Judgment in favor of the Plaintiff and against the Defendants in an amount in excess of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00), which is fair, just and equitable, as and for compensatory damages, plus interest, costs and attorneys' fees;
- B. Such other and further relief as this Honorable Court shall deem just, equitable, and proper in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

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JURY DEMAND

Plaintiff, through his counsel, NELSON, PETRUSKA, ATKINSON & HART,
demand trial by jury in the above-entitled cause.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 5-19-04, 2004

04-10130

Judge David M. Lawson

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CIVIL COVER SHEET COUNTY IN WHICH THIS ACTION AROSE:

The JS-44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet.

I. (a) PLAINTIFFS

Jeff Dunbar

(b) County of Residence of First Listed

Otsego**DEFENDANTS**

Kidde Technologies, Inc., f/k/a Fenway Safety Systems, Inc., a Delaware Corp., GreCon, Inc., an Oregon Corp., Firefly Systems, Inc., an Illinois Corp., and Clarke Sheet Metal, Inc., an Oregon Corp.

County of Residence of First Listed

MASSACHUSETTS

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(C) Attorney's (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

Attorneys (If Known)

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II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
☐ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)
☒ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item 111)

III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- (For Diversity Cases Only)
Citizen of This State ☒ 1 ☐ 1 Incorporated or Principal Place of Business in This State ☐ 4 ☐ 4
Citizen of Another ☐ 2 ☐ 2 Incorporated and Principal of Business in Another State ☐ 5 ☒ 5
Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country ☐ 3 ☐ 3 Foreign Nation ☐ 6 ☐ 6

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REAL PROPERTY <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	CIVIL RIGHTS <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 444 Welfare <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights	PRISONER PETITIONS <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> Habeas Corpus: <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition		

V. ORIGIN (PLACE AN "X" IN ONE BOX ONLY)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding ☐ 2 Removed from State Court ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened ☐ 5 (specify) Transferred from another district ☐ 6 Multi district Litigation ☐ 7 Judge from Appeal to District Magistrate

VI. CAUSE OF ACTION (Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing and write brief statement of cause. Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.)**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER F.R.C.P. 23

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CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☒ Yes ☐ No**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) instructions:** IF ANYJUDGE Hon. David Lawson

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SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

Linda Miller Atkinson P23345

PURSUANT TO LOCAL RULE 83.11

1. Is this a case that has been previously dismissed?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, give the following information:

Court: _____

Case No.: _____

Judge: _____

2. Other than stated above, are there any pending or previously discontinued or dismissed companion cases in this or any other court, including state court? (Companion cases are matters in which it appears substantially similar evidence will be offered or the same or related parties are present and the cases arise out of the same transaction or occurrence.)

☒ Yes

☐ No

If yes, give the following information:

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